



Mr. Ros Goes to Sacramento

The LPC's Executive Director makes his first official visit to State Capitol



Juan Ros

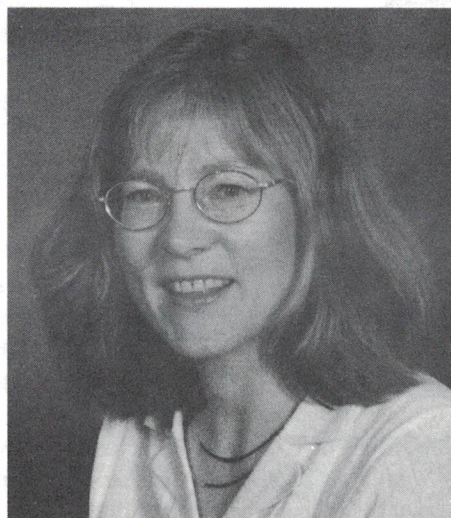
Last month, LPC Executive Director Juan Ros made his first official trip to Sacramento — seat of our state government.

"I made a journey into the belly of the beast," Ros joked about his August 5-7 trip, "but I enjoyed it. I was surrounded by big government, which really lit a fire under me to continue my work for the LPC. It also gave me a vision of something to work for — the day when the Capitol is swarming with elected Libertarians!"

Just one hour after landing at the Sacramento airport, Ros was in the Capitol Building. "I explored the halls and learned the layout," he said.

That night, Ros and LPC Chair Mark Hinkle met with a major donor, who expressed interest in contributing to fund a permanent LPC headquarters in Sacramento. "It's a natural goal for the state party to eventually be headquartered there," said Ros. "Mark and I plan to approach other major donors to help us launch and maintain a permanent presence in Sacramento. The LPC needs to be there, making sure Libertarians have a say in the legislative process."

The following day, Ros returned to the Capitol to sit in on an Assembly floor session. "It was pretty frustrating," he admitted. "I was sitting (continued on page 9)



Shelly Davis

Shelly Davis to Address California Libertarians

"IRS Gadfly" guest speaker at three LPC banquets

Shelly Davis, a preeminent authority on and outspoken critic of the Internal Revenue Service, will address California Libertarians at three banquets in October.

The author of "Unbridled Power: Inside the Secret Culture of the IRS," Davis has also written articles about this country's "least accountable agency" for *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post* and *USA Today*. She has been interviewed on numerous network news shows, and addressed such groups as the Heritage Foundation. Speaking at the Libertarian Party's 1998 Convention in Washington D.C., the lifelong (continued on page 8)

Anaheim Chosen for National Convention in 2000

"The Libertarian Party is the Party for the next millennium," declares LPC Chair

The national Libertarian Party has selected the Anaheim Marriott Hotel as the site for its Presidential Nominating Convention, which takes place from June 30th to July 3rd in the year 2000.

"We're thrilled to be hosting our party's national convention at the dawn of the new millennium," said LPC Chair Mark Hinkle. "California is home to more Libertarians than any other state, and we plan to put on quite a show."

"Orange County is on a roll," declared LPOC Chair Brian Lee Cross. "We're pleased that our own David Bergland was elected National Chair, and we're honored to host our fellow (continued on page 8)



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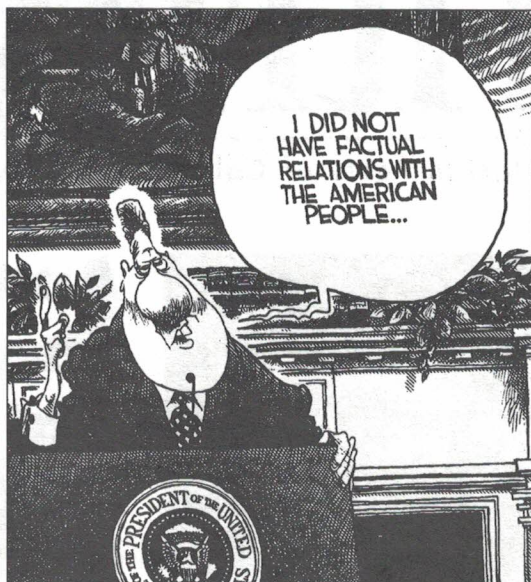
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LETTERS



An Open Letter to the LPC

It is gratifying to note the growth of our party, reinstituting the position of Executive Director, and the primary vote totals received by our candidates. I have found that membership building accelerates when organizations include three basic objectives in their strategic planning: a focused activity consistent with the organization's purpose (other than growth and fundraising alone); income and manpower sufficient to meet activity and administrative needs; and public awareness.

A focused activity lets outsiders and inactive members know we're serious about politics! Being an election year, I can't think of anything more basic than supporting our candidates.

We already have sufficient manpower to direct and administer the needs of the party. It doesn't take dues-payers or registered Libertarians to help on a candidate's committee. Libertarians in public office are there by a majority of non-Libertarians. It takes willingness of our candidates to ask for local contact people and for other individuals to contact candidates of their choice and ask what they can do. A powerful act which doesn't cost a cent and can reap extensive benefits: saying to others, "I'd like you to seriously consider joining me in voting Libertarian." Remember: most Americans are libertarians!

Supporting the party and its candidates financially involves contribution or pledge percentage allotments: e.g., 3/4 for candidates; 1/4 administration. To keep things simple write two checks: LPC PAC and LPC. Although party money can't be used to directly support candidates, the party's political action committee can. Loyalists to par-

ticular candidates may contribute additionally to a candidate's campaign committee.

Now (not November) is the time for all good Libertarians to come to the aid of their party — and its candidates. We will grow by active involvement, high visibility, and providing opportunities for members to feel successful. Success means hearing and seeing the "L" word with increasing frequency in the public media and experiencing surprises in November! Fly the flags; wear the badges and pins; speak the word; and evangelize for liberty while we can — time and freedom are slipping by.

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Love & Liberty

It was 30 years ago, just two days short of my 19th birthday, that my father called his drinking buddy, a policeman, to come over and scare me into never smoking marijuana again.

My poor father. He was only doing what he thought was best for his son, as he was taught by the country he risked his life to protect. The cop, of course, didn't just scare me, but arrested me. It's the only thing cops know how to do. It cut a gash through my family that never healed and almost certainly hastened my father's descent into alcoholism that led to his death four years later.

Today, I write this in federal custody. My crime? Marijuana, again. My government is trying to scare me into doing what it thinks best to treat my AIDS no matter what I and my doctor may think about it.

Last night I had a dream... My father came out of his bedroom, hands raised, as though to attack me. I was startled, then I saw my father behind my fear. I embraced him, told him I loved him, told him everything was all right. His threatening facade melted in my arms. Beneath was a trembling old man, much in need of his son's love.

And so it is with my country, my country 'tis of me, and I my country's son. It is the love of freedom, not the hatred of tyranny, that will turn this warring parent into an adored embrace.

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Grassroots Challenge

New contest to reward regional membership building

by Jack Dean

The LPC is putting its money where its goals are.

To help the party achieve its goal of building its ranks to 7000 members by the end of the year, LPC chair Mark Hinkle has announced the launch of "Grassroots Challenge '98" — a four-month contest to encourage and reward the membership recruitment efforts of our local regions.

"The membership committee developed this contest to support and reward all the efforts by local activists to attract and recruit new members."

Hinkle elaborated: "The contest rewards regions with a five-dollar

bounty for every new member they recruit. There's also a monthly bonus for the top-producing region, and an additional bonus for the region that generates the most new members over the whole contest period. That should spark some healthy competition!"

Contest Rules Summary

"Grassroots Challenge '98" runs from September 1 to December 31.

To be counted towards an award, all dues and membership forms must be sent by the region to the state office address and postmarked no later than December 31, 1998. To be counted towards a monthly prize, dues (including credit card *(continued on page 8)*

Candidates Conferences

LPC candidates guests at Northern California events

Next month, Northern California Libertarians will have the opportunity to shake hands with a number of LP candidates running for state and local offices at a series of conferences in the San Francisco Bay area.

The first event, sponsored by the Sonoma LP (R49), will be held Thursday, October 8th. Candidates Gail Light-foot, Joe Farina and Mike Rodrigues are scheduled to attend. Location: Jerome's Mesquite Barbecue, 1390 McDowell Ave. in Petaluma. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. The program starts at 8:00 p.m. For more info, contact John Howard via e-mail at <John@johnhoward.com>.



The second event, sponsored by the Marin LP, will take place on Friday, October 9th — a wine tasting tour at the Winsor Winery. Participating candidates will be Jon Petersen, Gail Lightfoot and Joe Farina. Those wishing to attend should meet at the Tiburon Ferry at 11:30 a.m. The tour ends around 3:00 p.m. Afterward, participants can take the ferry to San Francisco for a tour of Fisherman's Wharf. For more info and to RSVP, call Tammy Austin at (415) 339-7887.

That evening, the third event takes place: a buffet reception hosted by the San Francisco LP (R38). Petersen, Lightfoot and Farina will attend. The reception will take place from 5-8:00 p.m. at 970 Chestnut St., Apartment #6, in San Francisco. A \$5 donation will be requested. For more information, call (415) 626-3036.

The fourth event is co-sponsored by the East Bay LP (R01) and the San Mateo LP (R41): a Candidates Barbecue on Saturday, *(continued from page 4)*



Ballot Propositions

LPC Execom offers recommendations for pro-liberty voting

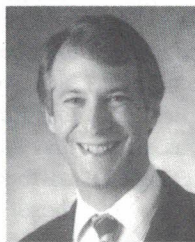
by Ted Brown

At its August 15 meeting, the LPC's Executive Committee voted to take the following positions on the November ballot propositions:

Prop. 1: YES. Allows property owners who are forced from their homes for environmental purposes to keep their property tax base year valuation under Proposition 13.

Prop. 2: NO. Permits the loaning of transportation trust funds (like the gas tax) to the general fund. The money has to be paid back, but this allows politicians to use the money, albeit temporarily, for any hairbrained scheme they may have.

Prop. 3: YES. Amends the "Open Primary" law to allow only registered voters of a party to select its presidential convention delegates. The LPC opposed the



Ted Brown

Open Primary law, and believes that parties should be able to select their own delegates.

Prop. 4: NO. Bans the use of certain types of animal traps and poisons. This is just more proposed micromanagement by government officials.

Prop. 5: YES. The Indian Gaming initiative. Since the LPC believes in ending all gambling prohibitions, this is a good first start. It will also help Native Americans reduce their dependency on the federal government.

Prop. 6: NO. Bans the slaughter of horses for human consumption. People have the right to eat horsemeat if they wish.

Prop. 7: YES. Grants tax credits as an incentive to clean up air pollution. This is a much better way than imposing costs and penalties for the same purpose, as government does now. *(continued from page 4)*

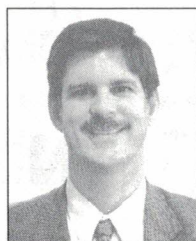
From The Chair:

Marching Forward

by Mark Hinkle

begin, as always, with a reminder of our 1998 goals:

1. Building our ranks to 7,000 members;
2. Generating \$6,000 per month in pledges;
3. Maintaining our ballot status.



Mark Hinkle

This problem doesn't exist for members who have authorized us to bill their credit card each month for their pledge. Pledging in this manner is good for you: it's the easiest way to donate. It's also good for us: we save money not having to mail out reminder letters, and, most importantly, we can count on receiving the money that was pledged every month.

If you're currently a cash monthly pledger, please consider becoming a credit card donor instead. It's simple: just call Executive Director Juan Ros at (818) 506-0200 — he'll handle everything.

What about goal #3?

Ultimately, voters will decide if we will stay on the ballot another four years — one or more of our candidates must receive 2% of the vote this November.

"Our investments are paying off. Our voice is getting louder. Our strength is growing."

We want to give an extra incentive to you — our local activists — to reach out to your family, your friends, your co-workers, and

inquiries to your region and focus on turning them into fellow members and activists. Take advantage of it!

This contest will supplement and support the outstanding job that the national LP has been doing of recruiting new members via direct mail.

How are we accomplishing goal #2?

We are planning another round of tele-marketing appeals to those members who have not joined our pledge program to do so. The last such campaign increased our pledge base by \$810, the largest increase in our history! We hope to equal or top that figure this time and think we have a very good chance of succeeding.

Here I must raise a related concern... Some members who have pledged to donate a certain amount of money every month have fallen behind.

Pledging to donate money to the LPC is one thing; but following through on that pledge is crucial. After all, we can't take a pledge to the bank! We need to receive the actual donation!

However, there are encouraging signs. Many of our regions are reporting sharp increases in the numbers of registered Libertarians. For example, San Diego reports that the LP is the fastest growing Party in that county — up 9.4%!

Keeping in mind that we typically receive 3-4 times as many votes as we have registered Libertarians, this sign bodes well for us!

Another trend I find significant is the increasing number of other political groups that are now seeking our support. After the Execom voted to support Prop. 7, the Planning & Conservation League invited us to become an official endorser of the measure. Prior to that, both the Committee Against Unfair Taxes (the "no on Prop. 10" folks), and Californians for Indian Self-Reliance (the "yes on Prop. 5" organization) sought us out to become official supporters.

Our hard work is showing! Our investments are paying off! Our voice is getting louder! Our strength is growing! ■

Ballot Props

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Prop. 8: NO. Gov. Pete Wilson's initiative to "reform" public schools. This would raise taxes and spending when there is no evidence of a connection between dollars spent and the quality of education. The measure offers some common-sense reforms that are opposed by teachers unions, but overall the measure just rearranges the deck chairs on the Titanic in relation to the massive problems with government schooling.

Prop. 9: NO POSITION. Modifies electric utility deregulation. While this has some good provisions regarding making companies pay for their own bad business decisions, it's too complicated — plus its support by Ralph Nader makes it suspect!

Prop. 10: NO. Rob Reiner's initiative to raise the cigarette tax to pay for early childhood development programs. Social engineering at its worst! ■

Candidates Conferences

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October 10th, with guests Steve Kubby, Ted Brown, Gail Lightfoot, Joe Farina and Jon Petersen. Location: Garin Park in Hayward. A \$5 donation will be requested; beer and wine will be provided for those who contribute an extra donation. For more information and to RSVP, call (510) 531-0760.

The fifth event will take place Sunday, October 11th: a brunch sponsored by the Marin LP (R21) at the Mill Valley Masonic Lodge in Mill Valley. The event begins at 10:30 a.m. and will include a live performance of "Impromptu" by Tad Mosel and a speech by Gail Lightfoot. The \$7 charge includes food. At 1:00 p.m., Joe Farina and Ted Brown will discuss smokers' rights, and awards will be given to local business that support those rights. For more info and to RSVP, contact Tammy Austin (415) 339-7887. ■

Calling All Candidates!

The LPC wants you...to run for public office!

Although the 1998 general election is not over yet, the LPC is looking ahead to the next round: local elections next spring in sixty-five municipalities across the state.

"If you have ever wanted to make a difference in your community, this is the chance," said LPC Executive Director Juan Ros. "Running for local office is a great opportunity to reach out to voters and demonstrate how Libertarian solutions can work at the local level."

LPC Chair Mark Hinkle agrees. "There's nothing like a strong local race to motivate grassroots activism, whether it's signature gathering, precinct walking, putting up signs, or hosting parties for the candidate. That's why the LPC is working hard to make sure our point of view is reflected on local ballots across the state.

We want to eventually see Libertarian majorities on city councils!"

In addition, candidates for local office can learn lessons in running a campaign and public speaking that can serve as a springboard for running for higher office. "The experience is invaluable," according to Ros. "We need more Libertarians with campaign experience who can later run for higher office or staff another candidate's campaign."

And then there's always the chance that the Libertarian candidate will win. "Winning is the ultimate goal, no question," Ros emphasized. "We need hundreds more Sandi Webbs [Libertarian city councilwoman in Simi Valley] and Bonnie Flickingers [Libertarian city councilwoman in Moreno Valley] voting against bad local laws."

Local elections almost always have lower signature barriers than elections for state and federal office. "Getting on the ballot is easier," said Ros. "Winning is always a challenge, of course; but if you are well-organized and hard-working, have a sound strategy, good fundraising, and an effective organization, winning is also a possibility!"

Candidate filing begins in November for most of next spring's local races, and candidates are usually given four weeks to gather the signatures required to get on the ballot. Potential candidates should call their City Clerk's office to obtain signature petitions or for more information.

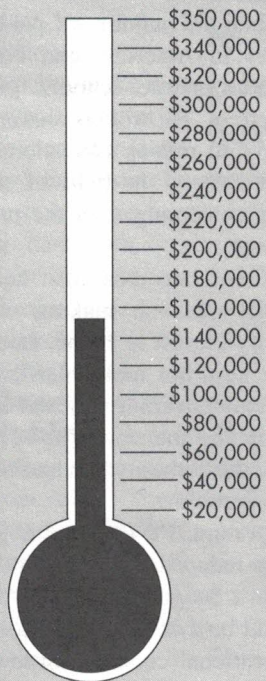
"There's hundreds of local offices up for grabs next year, so let's make sure that Libertarians are well-represented on the ballot," urged Ros.

LPC members who declare a candidacy for local office should notify Juan Ros at (818) 506-0200 and their regional chair (see regional contacts on page 11). ■

Growth Watch: July 1998

Revenue

Current: \$155,573
Year End Goal: \$350,000

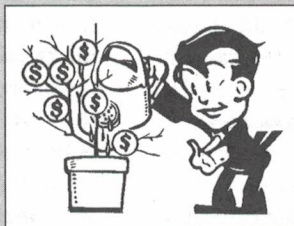


Donations

July Total: \$4,181

Pledges

July Total: \$3,280
Year End Goal: \$6,000 p/mo.

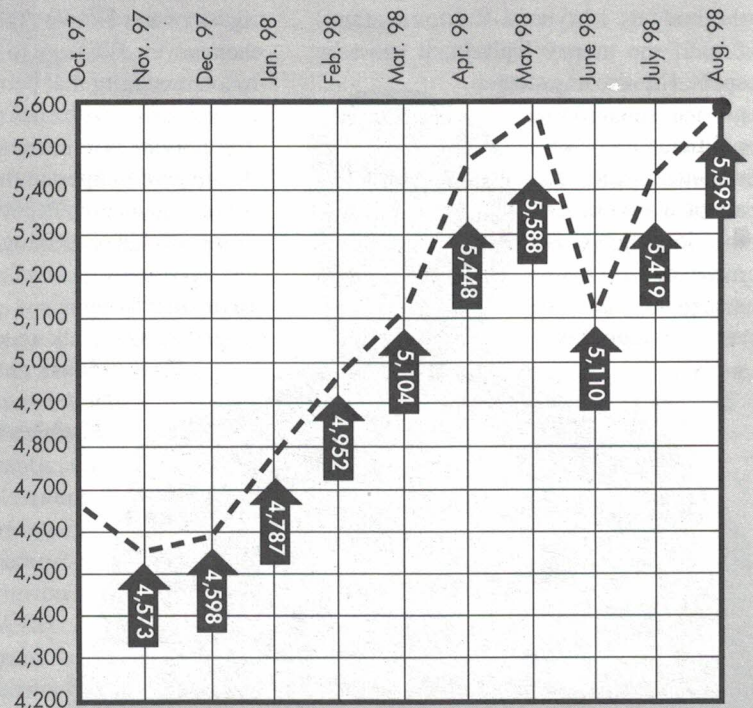


Help Us Grow!

Participating in the LPC's pledge program is probably the single most important thing that you can do to support the Party! To become a monthly pledger, use the form on back of this newsletter, or call (818) 506-0200. Please do it today!

Membership

July 31st: 5,593 Year End Goal: 7,000



Steve Kubby wins by a Landslide!" might well be the headline if this November's general election were held in cyberspace.

Recently Libertarian Steve Kubby participated in an on-line debate between the third party candidates for Governor of California sponsored by D-Net, a creation of the Center for Governmental Studies. Afterward, the cyber-audience was invited to cast their votes for the candidate of their choice. Kubby won with a whopping 60% — not only beating out his fellow third party candidates, but tromping his major party opponents as well. In fact, Kubby received more votes than all of the other candidates combined!

Following is an edited transcript of Kubby's comments during the debate:

Question: *How would you guarantee the State budget is turned in on time?*

Kubby: First, as Governor, I'd be submitting budgets considerably smaller than current ones. I've always had a strong work ethic, and believe that if the people hire me to do this job, it's my responsibility to get it done on time or get out. We have to put the state on a cash basis that more closely resembles the budgets of typical California families. If the money isn't in, it can't be spent. I'd veto any stop-gap measures so that politicians in Sacramento have to adopt a budget or the state government comes to a screeching halt. At no time should the govern-

ment, because of the legislature's inability to function, borrow money and operate on a promise of one day things will be right.

Question: *Will you avoid negative campaigning?*

Kubby: I promise not to make false attacks or personal smears. Yet on issues where Dan Lungren or Gray Davis have a track record as public servants — the people have a right to know the harm they do.

We don't have to go negative because there's so much good to tell the people about the brighter opportunities our Libertarian proposals offer. From better protection for the environment to better schools for our children, we have an important story to tell.

Question: *Do you support Prop. 5, which would allow Indian tribes to operate gambling machines the state considers illegal?*

Kubby: I support Proposition 5 and the rights of the Native Americans to govern themselves. We have to get over this plantation mentality that permeates the halls of government with paternalistic politics. The reasons politicians don't want Native Americans to operate their own gambling is because it competes with the state's own monopoly in gambling with the lottery and too many politicians in Sacramento have been bought and paid for with Las Vegas money. Talk about hypocrites!

Question: *Do you support the death penalty?*

Kubby: I cannot support the death penalty. Too many innocent people have been convicted of capital crimes and only now, with advances in DNA testing, have some been released from death row — others, falsely ac-

Steve On-Line &

cused, are now dead. Further, I've seen what the current system does, particularly when it comes to gassing minority convicts over white convicts. The death penalty is a 'final solution' that leaves no

room for error. What part of 'Thou shall not kill' can't Dan Lungren understand? There are no loopholes on that one.

Question:

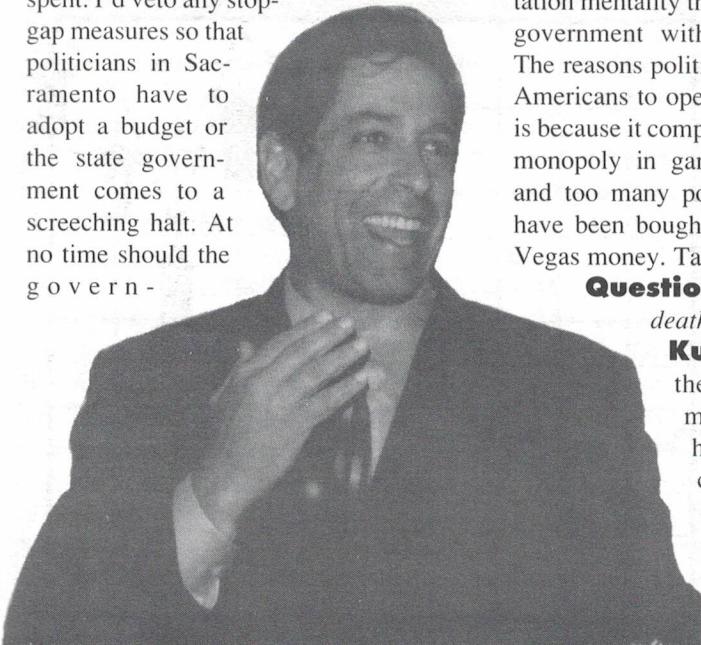
What existing programs in education do you support and what new programs, if any, would you propose?

Kubby: When the majority of public school teachers in America send their own children to private schools, you know the system is broken beyond repair. We have to rethink education in California, particularly in light of the new technologies coming with the turn of the millennium.

The best schools are those that keep the educational decision making and budget authority closest to home. Local control is the key, not more mandates from the state. As governor, I'd start the process of reducing the state's involvement, and send the authority in education back to the communities.

Equally important, I'd cut the budget to reflect those reduced costs so that the money wouldn't be gobbled up by the state and would be available at the local level. As educational control moved to the state capitol, and increasingly to

"We don't have to go negative because there's so much good to tell the people about the brighter opportunities our Libertarian proposals offer."



Kubby: On Target

Washington, the schools have declined. That's because of the tremendous waste of resources within a bloated bureaucracy. It's time to return power and choice to parents and students, not politicians.

Question: *What is your position on owner-registration of assault weapons?*

Kubby: The first thing we have to do is register every firearm that federal officials carry into California. After that, we have to get out of the stale thinking that guns are the culprit. It's the criminals, stupid. You don't ban cars because drunk drivers kill people. That would harm every law abiding citizen in the state. So it is with guns. We have to have a better judicial system that can make the violent people in our society pay for their crimes.

Justice comes from punishing those who do harm, not in placing greater restrictions upon the freedom of honest citizens. Washington, D.C. has the strictest gun control laws in the nation...and one of the highest murder rates.

Question: *What about abortion?*

Kubby: I don't believe the Constitution gives politicians jurisdiction of your body. Therefore I support a pro-choice stand from a perspective on what the law should be, as opposed to your moral decision. That said, I believe it's equally important to respect people who treasure human life from the moment of conception and believe it would be wrong

for the state to force taxpayers to pay for abortions. Parental notification sounds pro-family, but it's another decision in which the government should not interfere. Often, the young women who discover that they are carrying an unintended fetus find themselves in that situation because the home is already lacking. The government cannot be that home.

Question: *What actions you would take to improve public education?*

Kubby: I'd begin the process of separating school and state. Sacramento cannot educate your children. You can. Local teachers can. Politicians are not good teachers, and you don't really want your children to grow up with politicians as role models, do you? We have to start the process of returning the money, the authority, and the choices to parents, students, and teachers. The farther you move educational decision making away from the child, the worse schools become. As governor, I'd reverse the trend so that

local schools can flourish and diversify.

Question: *What is your position on California-Mexico relations?*

Kubby: Unfortunately, a

Governor doesn't have much authority when it comes to conducting foreign policy. NAFTA has some good things and some bad things, it's not a black and white issue. From my perspective, I'd like to see friendlier relations with Mexico. That includes free trade and the freedom of people to travel back and forth to visit family and friends. Too often those who embraced European immigration now reject the immigration of non-white populations.

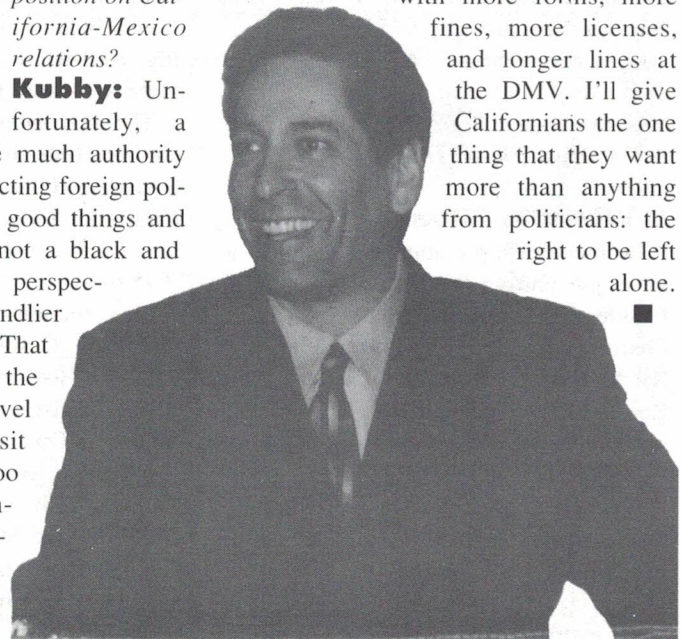
That destroys families — so many pro-family politicians didn't think about that when they built that deadly border to our south.

Question: *How would your administration differ from past administrations?*

Kubby: What's the difference whether a Democrat or a Republican is in the Governor's office? They've been playing musical chairs for more than a hundred years. Everything just goes forward with the same-old, same-old. If the people really want change for the better, they have to break the monopoly on power that those two old parties have clutched for so long.

People are starting to move away from those special-interest parties. You can see it when the Motor Voter law inspired a doubling of the registration of voters who no longer wanted to claim one of the big old parties. You can see it when more people turn off network news and go to cable TV and the Internet for their information. The days of the status quo are numbered.

You would see a big difference with a Kubby Administration in Sacramento. First, things will be much more open. People will have access to me and they will be heard. I'll peel away the layers of bureaucracy. We've had government growing increasingly more complicated with more forms, more fines, more licenses, and longer lines at the DMV. I'll give Californians the one thing that they want more than anything from politicians: the right to be left alone.



Grassroots

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payments) and membership forms must be postmarked by the end of that month.

Eligible memberships must be "new" and include the signed certification opposing the initiation of force and a dues payment of at least \$25. They must be for a California address. To be counted toward a monthly prize or the Final Bonus Award, the member must be joining the region claiming the award.

Basic Award: The submitting region will be awarded a one-time payment of \$5 for each eligible membership.

Monthly Prize: Among the regions submitting at least 10 eligible memberships each month, the region with the highest percentage of new members shall additionally receive either \$200 or \$5 per eligible membership, whichever is greater.

Final Bonus Award: Among the regions submitting at least 20 eligible memberships, the region with the highest percentage of new members for the entire contest period shall additionally receive \$100 or \$1 per eligible membership, whichever is greater.

All membership forms must be marked "Grassroots Challenge '98." Completed forms must be sent to Grassroots Challenge '98, Libertarian Party of California, 655 Lewelling Blvd., Suite 362, San Leandro, CA, 94579.

For a complete and official description of the contest rules, visit <http://www.ca.lp.org/gc> or contact Juan Ros at (818) 506-0200.

A Win-Win Situation

"The membership committee has done a great job putting this contest together," Hinkle said. Serving on the committee are Sharon Ayres, Jack Dean, Joe Dehn, and Kit Maira. LPC Executive Director Juan Ros also helped develop the plan, and will support participating regions.

"In addition to reaching our '98 membership goal," said Hinkle, "we're hoping to identify those local recruitment methods which work best so we can share them with all of our local regions. That way, everyone wins!" ■

Shelly Davis

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Democrat announced she was re-registering Libertarian.

A self-described "IRS Gadfly," Davis knows what she has been talking about. For seven years, she worked for the tax agency as its first official historian.

What she uncovered shocked her.

"The IRS has shredded most of its history," she said. "It figured out long ago the damage that records can do, so it began destroying them. Without records, we are left to take the word of the IRS for its actions. Would they accept your word as a taxpayer that you did this-or-that if you didn't have any records?"

According to Davis, the primary goals of the IRS are to protect its entrenched bureaucracy and shield itself from criticism. "I actually had IRS employees tell me that the Freedom of Information Act should not apply to the agency," she said.

When Davis complained to her superiors about IRS ethical misconduct, illegal destruction of historic documents, and concealment of corruption behind privacy laws, she became the target of an internal investigation. Eventually, she resigned from the agency in protest and wrote her book detailing IRS malefactions. She has also been working with congressional aides lobbying for tax reform.

Here's your chance to hear a fascinating first-hand account of life inside America's most feared institution.

The first banquet will be held Friday, October 16th, in San Diego County at the Radisson Hotel La Jolla, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. Registration and cocktails begin at 7:00 p.m. Dinner begins at 7:45 p.m.

The second banquet will be held Saturday, October 17th, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Los Angeles, 711 Hope Street. Registration and cocktails begin at 7:00 p.m. Dinner begins at 7:45 p.m.

The third banquet will be held Sunday, October 18th, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, 345 Stockton Street in the Embarcadero Center, San Francisco. Registration and cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:45 p.m.

Anaheim in 2000

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Libertarians from across the nation in 2000. We look forward to showing them a good time."

Ironically, the Libertarian Party's announcement comes in the midst of a lavish attempt by the city of Los Angeles to attract the 2000 Democratic National Convention.

"There is a huge difference between their convention and ours — the taxpayer pays for the Democratic and Republican Conventions, whether that taxpayer is a Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, or whatever," explained Hinkle. According to the Federal Election Commission, the Democratic and Republican National Committees each received \$12.36 million in taxpayer money for their 1996 national conventions. "Only Libertarians pay for the Libertarian National Convention," said Hinkle, "and they pay voluntarily, out of their own pockets."

"The Libertarian Party is the party of the future — a fact that will be proven in Anaheim in 2000," predicted Hinkle.

About 1,500 delegates are expected to descend on Anaheim to nominate the Libertarian presidential ticket for the 2000 elections.

The last time the LP held its National Convention in California was in 1979, in Los Angeles. ■

Tickets for all three dinners are \$60 per person.

Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance; no tickets will be sold at the door!

Invitations will be mailed to LPC members living in the metro areas where the banquets will take place. To purchase your tickets, send a check payable to the LPC along with the ticket request form included in the invitation. You can also purchase your tickets via credit card by calling Juan Ros at (818) 506-0200.

If you do not receive an invitation or would like more information, contact Juan Ros at the number above or via e-mail at director@ca.lp.org. ■



Juan Ros on the steps outside the State Capitol Building in Sacramento.

Mr. Ros Goes to Sacramento

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up in the gallery and I wanted to jump over the balcony and talk some sense into all of 'em. Finally, I had to leave when one Assembly member began complaining about airline service during the debate on an unrelated bill — I just couldn't take anymore!"

Also that morning, Ros met with Bill Saracino, executive director of Gun Owners of California. "It was a very productive meeting. Mr. Saracino told me that the GOC would be endorsing Libertarian candidates in certain key races this fall," announced Ros. "That would be a great leap forward for the LPC and the realization of a longtime goal — garnering support from gun-rights groups. Many of them feel betrayed by Republicans — with excellent reason! Hopefully, when 2000 rolls around, we can count on the GOC to endorse even more Libertarian candidates."

Later, Ros returned to the Capitol, where the floor sessions had adjourned.



Sacramento's "Libertarian Conspiracy" from left to right: Gerald Klaas, Richard Fields, Gene Frazier, Joseph Farina, Juan Ros — and below, the Liberbearian!

"I met key staffers of two Libertarian-friendly legislators: Assemblymen Tom McClintock (R-Northridge) and Howard Kaloogian (R-Carlsbad). I'd talked to these folks on the phone, and was able to sit with them for a few minutes and establish a concrete relationship with both offices. Both Assemblymen are very sympathetic to Libertarians and our ideas. We laid a solid foundation for future cooperation, which I plan to build upon during the next legislative session."

After his meetings, Ros tried sitting in on a budget conference committee, but "the room was packed," he said. "This was one day after the 1998-1999 budget deal was announced by the governor and legislative leaders, and the committee was now charged with incorporating the provisions of the deal into the budget bill. But there were so many people in the room — including lobbyists and representatives of special interests — that I couldn't find a seat and was kicked out by a sergeant-at-arms!"

That night, Ros was featured as a guest panelist on "The Libertarian Conspiracy," the weekly cable TV program hosted and produced by the Libertarian Party of Sacramento County (R34). "I had a great time," said Ros.

"We did two shows, one live and the other taped for the following week. We discussed current issues in a roundtable format, sort of like 'The McLaughlin Group,' except we were all Libertarians!"

Ros was impressed by the Sacramento LP's professionalism and dedication to the show. "Producing one half-hour show per week is much harder than it looks, and Region 34 does a first-rate job. They've provided an excellent model for how to succeed at this sort of thing. My hat's off to them."

After the tapings, Ros met with a group of Sacramento Libertarians to discuss ways that the LPC can support to them. "I believe that having an on-going and open dialogue between the state party and the local regions is extremely important — I'm planning to devote a lot of energy to it."

What about future trips to the State Capitol?

"I plan to go to Sacramento at least once a month, especially when the legislature is in session. It's important to maintain the relationships I've already established, and to forge new ones. These things take time, but I'm confident that, eventually, the Libertarian voice in the belly of the beast will be a loud one." ■

For Your Information

Renewing Your Membership

Renewal notices are sent to members whose expiration date is coming up. Just return your dues payment in the accompanying envelope and your membership at the national, state, and local level will be renewed for one year. Please respond to renewal notices promptly so we don't need to send additional reminders — every additional notice costs money we could otherwise use to grow the party!

Address Changes

Be sure to let us know if you move! Send your address change notice to the national office so that your newsletters and other important correspondence can be sent to your new address. If you are moving out of state but want to continue as an LPC member or continue subscribing to *LPC Monthly*, please also notify the state office so we can make the necessary arrangements to keep you on our list.

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If you need some special update to your membership records, such as a change in region affiliation, please contact the state office.

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Announcements

2000 Convention

The LPC Execom is now accepting bids for the 2000 LPC Convention. For more details, call Juan Ros (818) 506-0200.

Kubby Video

Kubby for Governor now has a five minute informational video available. Professionally produced video features Steve and Michele Kubby. VHS Copies are \$25 ea. Send checks payable to be made payable to Kubby for Governor, P.O. Box 1012, Garden Grove, CA 92842-1012. You may also order by phone using your MasterCard or VISA by calling: 1-877-Go Kubby.

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home.earthlink.net/~tebrown/

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